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Refusal to grant non-residential scholarships to Harijan students in S. K. T. Gandhi Secondary School, Rayavaram.

* 87 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for refusal to grant non-residential scholarships for 1953–54 applied for on behalf of certain Harijan students in S. K. T. Gandhi Secondary School, Rayavaram, Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As the applications for the scholarships were not received by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli, scholarships could not be sanctioned to these students. The Headmaster of the school was also informed of the position and asked to send fresh applications by the beginning of this year."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that this school was denied these scholarships for two successive years before 1952–53? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the school was denied the scholarships because the forms were not received in time."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I ask whether the Government are aware that the reasons given to the school in writing by the District Harijan Welfare Officer were two, namely, lack of funds and delay in making the applications? May I also submit that the delay was due to the District Harijan Welfare Office not sending the applications in time? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The scholarships were denied in the first year due to lack of funds and in the second year it was due to the applications not being received in time."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know to whom the applications are to be sent? Are they to be sent to the District Harijan Welfare Officer or the District Collector or the Director of Harijan Welfare? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" So far as the districts are concerned, the applications have to be sent to the District Collector."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know the amount of the grant for Harijan non-residential scholarships in regard to Tiruchirappalli district? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it depends upon the number of students and varies from district to district."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether according to Government's policy there is a progressive increase in the allotment for Harijan non-residential scholarships? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Director of Harijan Welfare will be instructed by the Government to see that the amounts that lapse for want of applications are adjusted in other districts where they are refused either for delay in receipt of applications or for some other reason? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I am not sure about it but the suggestion of the hon. Member will be examined."

Issue of medical certificates for liquor permits.

* 88 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) who are the persons authorized by the Government to issue medical certificates for liquor permits;

(*b*) the reason for excluding honorary medical officers from such authority; and

(*c*) the number of such certificates issued after the date on which honorary medical officers were denied the power to issue these certificates?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Paid medical officers not below the rank of Civil Surgeons.

" (*b*) On grounds of administrative convenience, certifiacates from paid Civil Surgeons only are accepted for issuing liquor permits.

" (*c*) Eight hundred and ninety-four (up to 31st May 1954). "

11-40 a.m. DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the reason why honorary medical officers holding the rank of Civil Surgeon are denied the privilege of issuing certificates for liquor permits? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" On administrative grounds."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" By giving a monopoly to the Civil Surgeons in Government service do not the Government defeat the object for which honorary medical officers are appointed and do the Government know that the largest number of permits have been issued by some of the Civil Surgeons in the City of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government do not consider it a monopoly. I do not agree with the hon. Member in regard to the second part of the question, namely, that the number of applicants for permits have increased."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Collector of Madras has written to the Hon. Minister about a Civil Surgeon in Madras having given a certificate to a sick person of 21 years of age who is supposed to have suffered from anæmia and sleeplessness and that liquor was absolutely